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PRIVATE EQUITY CONTINUES TO BE A CATALYST FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH IN MALAYSIA

KUALA LUMPUR, 1 OCTOBER 2019: Ekuiti Nasional Berhad (Ekuinas) has today successfully hosted The Malaysian Private Equity Forum 2019. This is the second time Ekuinas is hosting the Forum and it has seen the convening of close to 400 attendees comprising leading private equity professionals, senior investors and business decision-makers.

The event's focus is to continue promoting private equity (PE) as an attractive strategic asset investment class that provides superior returns and to share the knowledge with the investment community on the potential value PE creates in portfolio companies, as well as to highlight the PE firms that have successfully helped and developed the ecosystem.

Raja Tan Sri Dato' Seri Arshad Raja Tun Uda, Chairman of Ekuinas in his Welcome Address said, "This year's Forum is timely and coincides with the commemoration of Ekuinas' 10th anniversary. We are very pleased to say that this milestone bears a significant mark of achievement for us as we continue to record steady growth as well as the private equity industry in Malaysia, which has become increasingly resilient with more players interested in Malaysia as a market."

"Malaysia is primed for prominence on the PE stage in ASEAN. While the asset class continues to develop locally, there is no shortage of opportunities on the horizon, prompting investors and other players to up their allocations into PE as part of their diversification strategy. And we are indeed fortunate to be in the exciting region of growth that is paving the way for our markets to mature and thus, increase the appetite for expansion, mergers and acquisitions," Raja Tan Sri Dato' Seri Arshad added.

The forum features keynote speakers including Anthony Scaramucci, Founder and Co-Managing Partner of Skybridge Capital, a global alternative investment firm with USD9.5 billion in assets under management as of 30 June 2019 and Xiang-Dong (X.D.) Yang, Managing

Director and Chairman of Carlyle Asia, a leading private equity firm in Asia with more than USD14 billion in assets under management.

Other renowned names speaking at the Forum include Nicholas Bloy, Managing Partner of Navis Capital Partners; Kok Yew Tang, Founding Chairman and Managing Partner of Affinity Equity Partners; Hendrik Susanto, Chief Investment Officer of Traveloka; Brahma Vasudevan, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Creador; Eugene Lai, Managing Director and Co-Managing Partner of Southern Capital Group; Ganen Sarvananthan, Co-Managing Partner of TPG Capital Asia; Datuk Ben Chan, Regional Managing Director, Asia Pacific of Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan and many more.

The Malaysian Private Equity Forum 2019 is supported by the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) and Malaysian Venture Capital and Private Equity Association (MVCA), together with the Boston Consulting Group (BCG), KPMG, Kumpulan Wang Persaraan (Diperbadankan)(KWAP), Navis Capital Partners, Wong & Partners, PwC Malaysia and Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB).

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EkuiNAS (Ekuiti Nasional Berhad) is a government-linked private equity fund management company established on 1 September 2009 and aims to create Malaysia's next generation of leading companies whilst promoting equitable and sustainable Bumiputera wealth creation and economic participation. To date, EkuiNAS has undertaken investments in over 40 companies in high potential Malaysian companies involved in EkuiNAS' core target sectors namely education, fast moving consumer goods, oil and gas, retail, healthcare, and services. In 2018, EkuiNAS was shortlisted as one of the Top 3 Southeast Asian Firms of the Year by the Private Equity International (PEI) Awards.

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